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Conclusions of Interagency Working Group on Foreign Assistance/Central America Meeting (Wednesday, August

Attached is a summary of the conclusions reached at this evening's working group meeting.

Attachment:

Conclusions

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CONCLUSIONS OF INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE/CENTRAL AMERICA MEETING (Wednesday, August 8, 1984)

- Omnibus Supplemental in the Senate. Senator Baker has indicated that he will keep the Senate in session Wednesday evening to complete consideration of the bill. In floor action Wednesday afternoon, a Dodd amendment to strike all funding wednesday afternoon, a Dodd amendment to strike all funding from the bill that is not currently authorized was defeated by 62-37; the Inouye amendment to eliminate military aid to El Salvador was defeated by 69-29; and the Kennedy amendment to attach human rights reporting language contained in the Urgent Supplemental was accepted on a voice vote.
- Conference on the Omnibus Supplemental. Senator Baker's decision to complete the bill on Wednesday will enable a House-Senate Conference to begin Thursday if the House conferees agree. We understand, however, that House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jamie Whitten has obtained unanimous consent to bring forward for floor consideration tomorrow a clean supplemental containing funding only for the food stamps program. We will be contacting urgently a number of key House leaders Thursday morning to express our apposition to Whitten's maneuver and to encourage them to try to ensure that a Conference occurs on the bill; alternatively, if the House conferees refuse to negotiate, we will urge that the Senate version of the bill be brought directly to the House floor for an up-down vote.

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FY-85 Appropriations in the House. Markup by the Edreign Operations Subcommittee was completed on Wednesday. The Subcommittee defeated a McHugh amendment to cut the funding level for El Salvador to \$88 million. | Congressman Wilson brought up his amendment to link funding for the Regional Military Training Center in Honduras to a favorable settlement of the Ramirez case but the Subcommittee deferred action on The Subcommittee adopted a totally conditions and funding. unacceptable amendment on Turkey, accepted Chairman Long s recommendations to cut \$9.25 million from our military aid request for Bl Salvador, to split the \$106.75 million that he approved into two tranches with the first becoming available at the beginning of the fiscal year and the second six months later, and to tie \$5 million on the funds for El Salvador to progress in the AIFLD murders case. In view of the totally unacceptable language on Turkey and because of the undesirable features of Long's El Salvador proposals, consideration was given to making an effort at full Committee to overturn Long's

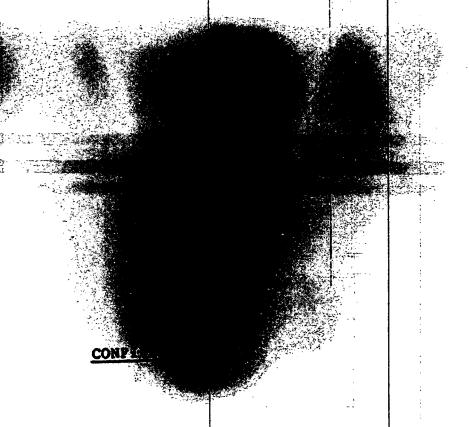
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recommendations with a substitute amendment. Acting Secretary Dam's decision not to propose to Doc Long a possible "package deal" which would provide full funding for our El Salvador military aid requests for PY-84 and PY-85 was also discussed. Proponents of the "package deal" approach again expressed their desire to have further consideration given to this option, citing Long's \$9 million cut and his decision to provide assistance in two tranches.

Jackson Plan Authorization in the Senate. Senator Baker indicated to Acting Secretary Dam that he was unwilling to have the Senate consider the House-passed Poreign Aid Authorization Bill this week. Additional strategy to bring the Jackson Plan to the Senate floor will have to be considered during the August recess.



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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE/CENTRAL AMERICAN CALENDAR

THUR\$DAY, AUGUST 9

1.	11:45am	Ambassador Pickering to call on Congressman Long
2.		Possible Conference on Omnibus Supplemental
3.	2:00pm	Ambassador Pickering to call on Senator Inouye
4.		Possible House and Senate floor votes on Omnibus Supplemental Conference report
5.	5:00pm	Ambassador Pickering to call on Senator DeConcini
6.	6:00pm	IG Working Group Meeting, State Operations Center

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